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INQUIRING INTO DRAWING TROUBLE

FURTHER EVIDENCE
BY EXAMINER BLAIR

Witness Gave Blackboard Illustrations
Showing Differences in Various
Methods of Drawing.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the commission appointed to investigate the South Park school drawing trouble was taken up with the expert testimony of Examiner Blair. The latter went through the majority of the books, the work on which he questioned, and drew attention to lines in various exercises, each one of which, he contended, had been ruled in direct contravention of the regulations of the department. At this morning's sitting Mr. Blair continued his evidence. This afternoon Mr. Blair is being cross-examined by Mr. Elliott, counsel for Miss Cameron.

When proceedings were resumed yesterday afternoon, T. T. Elliott, representing Miss Cameron, asked leave to make a statement. He had also understood that Blair had expressed his opinion that the work of the pupils was not of the same standard as that of the free-hand drawings. Under the circumstances he had been requested to give a hint as to his line of defence. The work which Blair had pronounced impossible of performance with a free hand had subsequently been done by pupils of the class, under careful supervision. The results had proved equally satisfactory. This he intended to prove in the course of the presentation of his case.

D. Blair again took the stand, and the examination of the drawing books continued. He drew particular attention to the fact that many of the designs were much smaller than the instructions called for. Later on witness made an explanation when asked whether it would be permissible for a pupil to lay a ruler on a book to act as a horizontal line or basis of a figure. He stated that such a thing was not allowed in model drawing. It consisted solely of free-hand work, and its utility was the training of the student to form a design symmetrically by the use of hand and eye without the assistance of any mechanical appliances. There was, he said, absolute compliance with the instructions issued by him the drawings could not be considered model in the strict sense of the term.

In the drawing book of Mabel Booz witness drew attention to the fact that a pin had been used in order to mark the vanishing point in the perspective of one of the designs. Other lines, he said, had been plainly ruled. Comparing the work of the pupil mentioned apart from the regular drawing book and that done in the latter witness claimed there was a marked difference. It was plainly apparent that, when the child was placed before a model and required to draw it without the assistance of a "spurious perspective," the result was a drawing of a different character from the free-hand system," he added, "but such wasn't the case."

In the instances where the designs had been executed without perspective, the lines used, instead of converging, diverged. This was a most conclusive proof of ruling.

Georgina Beddington's book elicited some rather amusing sales on the part of the witnesses. He said it was the most extraordinary drawing he had ever seen with the exception of that of Master Muirhead, which he would refer to later. In reference to one design he remarked that the pupil would have had to have been suspended from the ceiling in order to trace such angles naturally. (Laughter.)

The commissioner—Marks was not dissatisfied because of the ruled drawing altogether?

Witness replied in the negative, and continuing wanted it clearly understood that the books were thrown out for three reasons. These were firstly, the infringement of the regulations by the permission of the use of ruled lines; secondly, the similarity of the character of the designs throughout, and thirdly, the varied size of the figures when the instructions demanded that they be made of a particular specified size. All these rules had been entirely overlooked, and consequently it had been decided to "withhold the marks usually allowed."

In order to make his stand clear Mr. Blair read his recent circular. He levied no charge against the children, but, if anything, accused the teachers. The drawing under examination, he went on, could not be termed model drawing. It was ridiculous to do so. If the instructions had been followed out carefully such remarkable uniformity in the character of the designs would not have been obtained. He did not know what system of instruction had been adopted by the teachers, but the results conclusively demonstrated that Mr. Elliott—What lines do you find ruled here? He handed up a book containing the work of Master White.

Mr. Blair pointed out a number, which, he said, he would swear had not been drawn with a free-hand. Turning several pages he drew attention to other lines which, though he could not swear himself with absolute confidence as to their being ruled, "nevertheless," were "marvellously straight." (Laughter.)

When an adjournment was taken until this morning.

To-day's Session.

Before the opening of the proceedings this morning D. M. Elliott, K.C., on behalf of the council of public instruction, asked leave to make an explanation. He stated that in the newspaper reports it had been affirmed that he agreed to produce drawing books for which marks had been allowed for purposes of comparison. This was not the arrangement. What was proposed was the production of the books belonging to the Strathcona, North Ward and other schools for which marks had not been awarded. In an account appearing in the Victoria Times it had also been stated that the commissioner had gone to the window and made a "vain search for the tracing so confidently pointed out by the witness." This, he contended, was not a report of the evidence but unfair comment.

R. T. Elliott wanted to know whether it was the intention of his learned friend to conduct the trial by newspaper.

"You'll have to haul in your sign," retorted Mr. Elliott.

The commission inclined to Mr. Elliott's opinion and Examiner Blair re-entered the stand.

Taking up the book of Margaret Jane Clay, witness swore that a number of lines used in the construction of the first exercise had been ruled. He also stated that all the model drawings had been ruled to some extent.

Commissioner Lampman read over Miss Clay's letter to Miss Cameron making a statement as to the method adopted by her in outlining the figures. F. B. Gregory, addressing witness, asked whether it was free hand drawing to use paper for perspective drawing, as was acknowledged.

"Without a ruler," he free hand if those lines were measured and the centre line ruled." (Laughter.)

"Later, he remarked that he had gone over all the books most carefully and was placing his professional reputation upon the statement that all lines he had noticed by blue markings were ruled in direct contravention to the regulations."

In the course of examination Mr. Blair stated that some of the pupils were fairly intelligent in their drawing capabilities and, no doubt, had been allowed to copy the models the results would have been more satisfactory.

When the book of Clarence W. Muirhead was submitted his declaration was read by the commissioner. In this he declared that a pin had been used at home and that wherever possible a ruler had been used. This communication has already been published.

Some interesting repartee took place between counsel at this stage. Mr. Gregory: "The pupil states that the work was done out of school hours, and the certificate of Miss Cameron's signature implies the contrary."

Witness wanted to know whether it was permissible to ask whether the work of Miss Cameron on the Muirhead book meant.

The commissioner, however, would not allow the query.

Continuing, the witness said that in spite of the pupil's statement he thought the work was comparatively free from ruling. Perhaps the discrepancy was accounted for by the fact that the boy was from America.

Commissioner Lampman—"Such statements cannot be permitted."

Taking up the exercises contained in Master Muirhead's book witness pointed out where he found ruling and where there were no evidences of it. He also drew attention to an instance where a pin had been utilized in ruling and the tracing covered by a free-hand line.

Eleanor Scott Robinson's book was next dealt with, and witness asked for a comparison of the drawing book figures with those upon time copy. He drew attention to the difference in construction, the latter bearing the appearance of being done by free-hand to much greater extent than the former.

The work done by Jesse Roberts was subjected to considerable criticism. Blair contended that in some exercises converging lines had apparently been used because a hard rubber had touched the surface of the page, making the inference was perfectly clear.

After Master Anton Henderson's book had been examined, witness stated that the centre line in exercise one was ruled. Other tracings were mentioned as having been drawn with the assistance of some appliance. He pointed out places where lines were "wonderfully parallel." He could not swear that these were all ruled, but they were very straight for free-hand work.

This pupil was one of those who had sworn an affidavit to the effect that the regulations had not been broken in any instance.

The last book Mr. Elliott announced was that of Miss Hanna, who also had made a declaration that no rulers had been utilized in her work.

CRIME COMMITTED AT SPENCES BRIDGE

LABORER FOUND WITH
HIS SKULL CRUSHED

Spences Bridge Infested by a Gang of
Thugs From Other Side of
Line.

Intelligence was brought to the city to-day of what seems to have been a terrible crime committed at the railway town of Spences Bridge on the main line of the C. P. R. railway. The victim, who was known in the district as Charles Brown, was a recent arrival from the coast and is believed to have been a sailor or one of the vessels plying from this port or from Vancouver. He was found at the bottom of an embankment about sixty feet high. In his pockets were \$2, which probably represented his earnings for the month, his pay day having been on the previous Friday.

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he had, it is believed, assumed another name on commencing work on the new railway there. This device is sometimes employed to save the workman from being charged up with his railway fares by the contractors.

The gentleman who brought the information to the city stated that the present time Spences Bridge is infested by a gang of toughs and thugs from the other side of the line who prey upon the twelve hundred or more workmen who are employed on C. P. R. construction and who rendezvous at that point. There is but one provincial policeman there, but he is totally unable to cope with the lawless forces which have established themselves at that point.

The firm of Losse & Macdonald have practically completed the grading of the line from Spences Bridge to Nicola and the bridge gangs are now at work.

SCOUTS IDEA OF DEATHBED VISIONS

ARE PLAIN NONSENSE
SAYS DR. W. OLSER

Supports Declaration by Five Hundred
Observations Which He Thinks
Prove His Contentions.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—A Baltimore dispatch to the American says:

"Dr. William Olsler, now of England, in his latest book says that 'deathbed visions, believed in by thousands, and of which there are scores of supposed authentic records, are plain nonsense. Moreover, he supports his declaration by five hundred death-bed observations of his own, which he thinks prove absolutely that such reported visions are untrue. In all these cases there was suffering, fear and other emotion, but no thought of the future."

"His observation is a startling contribution to a subject which has always keenly interested scientists, clergymen and physicians, and it is certain to provoke general discussion."

"Dr. Olsler says: 'As he has lived, uninfluenced practically by the thought of a future life, I have careful records of about 500 death-bed cases, particularly with reference to the modes of death and the sensations of the dying. Ninety suffered bodily pain and distress of some sort or another; eleven showed mental apprehension, two spiritual terror; one expressed spiritual exaltation; one bitter remorse. The great majority gave no sign one way or the other; like their birth, their death was a sleep and a forgetting. The preacher was right in this matter. Man hath no pre-eminence over the beast.' As one dieth, so dieth the other."

ORE LANDS SALE

Deal For Purchase of Great Northern
Railway Property Reported to
Have Been Completed.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—Private dispatches received in Wall street from St. Paul yesterday said that the negotiations for the purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of the ore lands of the Great Northern railway in Minnesota had been completed.

No confirmation of the report could be obtained here.

MOROCCAN PRETENDER

Report That Bu Mamara is Preparing
to Attack the Sultan's Troops.

JOHN A. DOWIE,
Former Head of Zion City Is on His
Way to Jamaica.

(Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—John Alexander Dowie, who has just abdicated his position as the head of Zion City, Ill., arrived here in a private car attached to a train on the Boston and Maine railroad last night. He was accompanied by his son, Dr. Orestes Dowie, a trained nurse and two brothers from Zion City. The party remained on the car over night, and to-day will go on board the steamer Admiral Dewey of the United Fruit Company's line bound for Jamaica. Later Dowie will take an extended cruise in the Caribbean sea in the hope of recovering his shattered health.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS

Jewels, Gold and Silver Valued at
\$50,000, Destroyed in Express Car.

(Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Journal says: "Besides the loss of life in the Santa Fe train wreck at Lang, Kansas, on Tuesday, there was about \$50,000 in gold, and \$50,000 in currency, and many thousands of dollars worth of jewelry destroyed in the express car attached to the train taking fire. The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bankers. One estimate places the value of the precious stones and gold and silver at \$50,000. Most of the packages contained Christmas presents."

THE MASSACRE OF MUSSULMANS

ARMENIANS CONTINUE
WORK OF SLAUGHTER

They Make No Distinction Between
Tartars and Ottomans Who are
Being Hunted Like Deer.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians was still in progress at Tiflis and throughout Caucasasia on December 18th, according to a dispatch from Tiflis on that date.

The Mohammedans were being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between persons, Tartars or Ottomans.

About two thousand Mussulman families of Tiflis had sought refuge in neighboring villages.

The Cosaks and other troops continue to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

QUIET AT SHANGHAI

Volunteers and Sailors Still on Duty in
City.

(Associated Press.)
Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in the town to-day. Business has been resumed by the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remaining on duty as a precaution against a revolution.

The United States gunboat Albatross has arrived to reinforce the Baltimore, and the British cruiser Andromeda is expected to reinforce the Diadem.

The deadlock growing out of the mixed sort dispute continues. The Taotai adheres to his demand for the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, while the British consul refuses to yield. The foreigners support the British consul's attitude.

ROJESTVENSKY'S RETURN

Admiral Who Was Defeated in Sea of
Japan Has Arrived at
St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Admiral Rojestsvensky and the chief members of his staff arrived here last night. The admiral, whose head was still swathed in bandages, gave evidence of the strain and mental suffering he had undergone. He was visibly pleased with the hearty welcome he received from a large crowd which included many students and workmen, but he merely doffed his hat and without speaking, hurried to a carriage. The carriage was accompanied by the crowd, which continued to cheer until the vehicle turned into Nevsky Prospekt. The highest officers of the navy were represented only by Admiral Niedermuller.

MURDERED BY NEGRO

Two White Men Killed, Another Fatally
Wounded and Fourth
Seriously Injured.

(Associated Press.)
St. Joseph, Dec. 20.—Ama Bee, a young negro, beat two white men to death near here last night with a piece of iron pipe, fatally wounded another, and seriously injured a fourth, using the same weapon. Robbery of \$45 and the clothing of the men prompted the crime.

GEN. SAUSSIER DEAD

(Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 20.—Gen. Felix Gustave Saussier, former commander-in-chief of the French army, died to-day.

NEW MUTINIES AT SEBASTOPOL

SIXTEEN HUNDRED
SOLDIERS UNDER GUARD

The Troops at Kharkoff Have Revolted
--A General Strike Proclaimed
at Moscow.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow to-day at noon instead of to-morrow, and was inaugurated there with complete suspension of street railway service. The government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled.

The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse, and in the Caucasus the outbreak of the Tatars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms for the purpose of organizing a militia for self-protection.

At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred, and 1,600 soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard.

The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The weather has become very cold. Deep snow covers the country as far south as Kiev, and it is believed that a few days hunger and cold will drive the people to desperation and provoke uprisings.

MAY ATTACK JEWS

Alexander, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—A message received here from Warsaw to-day says that the president of the Warsaw Railway Union has been arrested, and that the union consequently has decided to order the employees of the Vistula railway to organize a strike.

Advices from Bielsk, Russian Poland, say that the recruits there are planning an anti-Jewish outbreak.

Must Become Poles.
Warsaw, Dec. 20.—The Polish nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles, and have, therefore, issued a proclamation calling on all Jews to discontinue speaking Yiddish and to learn the Polish language.

Cosaks surrounded the offices of the Socialist organ Kurier Godyenny at midnight, arrested the editorial staff and sealed up the offices.

OUTLOOK IN INTERIOR WAS NEVER BRIGHTER

Remarkable Activity in Mining—New
Districts Being Opened Up—Progress
of Work on the V. V. & E.

"The outlook for the interior of the province was never brighter than it is to-day," said Duncan Ross, M. P. for Yale-Cariboo to a Times representative when seen at the Driard, this morning. "The boundary smelters alone are treating ore at the rate of over a million tons annually, and the shipments of ore from the mines of Slocan and East Kootenay are largely increased. The Granby smelter is treating over 2,500 tons daily; and both the B. C. Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood and Dominion Copper Company's smelter at Boundary Falls are to be enlarged."

This remarkable development in the mining industry is the natural outcome of persistent and intelligent efforts on the part of the mine owners. Farther west than the Boundary a new district is being opened up by the construction of the V. V. & E. railway—a district that is almost certain to become the most important in the province. The ore bodies are there, and they have the advantage of higher values than can be found in the Boundary.

"Considering the difficulty in securing labor, the work of constructing the Midway-Princeton section of the V. V. & E. is well advanced. The grade from Midway to the international boundary line is nearly completed, except a tunnel, work in which was delayed by the obstructive tactics of the Canadian Pacific railway. The grade on the American side, a distance of 46 miles, should be completed in a couple of months, and active construction has commenced in the Similkameen valley, on the Canadian side."

J. H. Kennedy, the chief engineer of the V. V. & E., believes that trains will be running into Princeton before the end of 1906, and as work has commenced at Cloverdale, the entire line through to the coast should be constructed before the end of 1907. Mr. Baldwin, the local engineer, last week completed work of locating the line through the Hope mountains. It is understood that considering the character of the country a very easy pass has been secured."

TRUST COMPANIES

Must Send in Report to Superintendent
of New York Banking Department
on January 1st.

(Associated Press.)
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Supt. Kilburne, of the state banking department, has issued a call for a statement for the condition of trust companies in this state on January 1st next.

HELD BY TURKS

The Porte Declines to Hand a Belgian
Subject to Consular Authorities.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The Belgian legation has demanded that Edward Joris be handed over to the Belgian consular authorities for trial in accordance with the treaty of 1838. The Porte objects to this, and trouble is anticipated.

Joris is a Belgian subject who, with three others, is charged with participating in the attempt to assassinate the Sultan last July, and who were sentenced to death December 28th by a native court.

FERNIE MAN'S TROUBLES

Judge Orders That Witness Be Prose-
cuted For Perjury.

(Special to the Times.)
Ferne, Dec. 18.—Wm. Handley, a prominent livery man was tried before Judge Wilson for stating coal and was acquitted. The judge censured the accused severely, and said that if one of the witnesses had testified truthfully the verdict would have been different. It is likely that the witness referred to will have to stand his trial for perjury, as the judge advised the lawyer prosecuting, Mr. S. Herchmer, to lay such a charge.

CONVICTS SAVED HELPLESS WOMEN

BRAVELY ENTERED
BURNING BUILDING

Men Were Organized into Life Saving
Corps When Fire Broke Out
on Blackwell Island.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts, and remembered only that they were men, on Blackwell Island early this morning when the male prisoners, marshalled by their keepers into a fire fighting and life-saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards five hundred and ninety-four frantic women, and from the hospital beds fifty more.

Starting in the sewing room of the workhouse and from a cause which has not been definitely decided the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock, when it was discovered. The fire engine on the island proved inadequate, and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines were sent over, but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

On the top floor of this building were cells for the women, and every one held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred. These women became frantic with fright, and were soon choking with the dense smoke that filled all their cells. That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every call in a tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others.

When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent the warden marshalled his regular fighting force of employees, and soon they were at work. The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to trust the male members of the manhood, and they bore the test well.

Released from their cells and marshalled into small bodies they entered the burning building, and went at the work of fire fighting, rescue with utter disregard for the danger to themselves. The flames were crackling all about them, and they plunged through the dense smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

TWO FIRES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Washington early to-day was visited by two fires entailing an approximate aggregate loss of \$100,000. The first alarm came from the building of the H. H. Juelz Piano Co. The firemen were still working on this fire when another fire broke out in the vicinity of Ninth street and Louisiana avenue, the heart of the commission house section. The fire there burned fiercely, but by 9 o'clock was under control.

The agricultural implement house of P. H. Heiskell, Jr. & Co., the feed stores of the Dodge & McDowell Co., and Hendrickson & Co., and the commission houses of Isaac Wallenstein, Joseph Ferrario & Ellis & Co. were destroyed. The majestic theatre adjoining these buildings was saved after hard work by the firemen.

HOCKEY IN NEW YORK

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—In a game that was marked by fast, although somewhat rough play, the hockey club of New York defeated Yale last night by a score of 4 to 1.

The concluding lecture of the Victoria College course will be given on Friday evening next by Rev. Thos. W. Gladstone. The subject will be "A Peep at the Old Country—Hampshire and the New Forest." The lecture will be illustrated by many stereoscopic views of notable scenery associated with the subject, and will include a wealth of reminiscences of such famous men as Watts, Gilbert White, Tennyson, Dickens, Shelley, George Herbert Nelson and others.

COMPLAINTS LODGED BY SHIP OWNERS

AGAINST ACTION
OF NEWFOUNDLANDERS

Americans Allege Interference With
Rights Which They Claim are
Guaranteed by Treaty.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The state department has received some bitter complaints from American owners of fishing vessels against the Newfoundland officials for interfering with what they regard as their treaty rights within the Newfoundland territory waters. Only a few days since an American fishing smack was seized at a Newfoundland port because several months ago she had, it was alleged, shipped some Newfoundlanders from the Bay of Islands. The American ship owners felt that this was an infraction on their right to ply their vocation in these waters as guaranteed by treaty.

The state department has been exchanging notes on this subjects with the British government.

The department has not been able to make direct issue with the Newfoundlanders in respect to their right to make it a punishable offence to ship Newfoundlanders within their own waters. It is not quite clear, however, whether while admitting the right of the Newfoundland authorities to punish their own people who ship on an American vessel in violation of local laws, it is prepared to concede the assembly to Newfoundland laws of American shippers who ship such men.

Revival of Old Trouble.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—The Newfoundland fishing troubles, which have been brought to the attention of the Washington authorities, apparently are a revival of the difference between Canadian and American interests which occurred at the beginning of the herring fishing season two months ago. At that time reports were received at Gloucester and Boston that the Newfoundland government was threatening to curtail privileges which Americans had enjoyed, and the matter was made the subject of a conference between the state department and Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner, of Massachusetts. After a huge assurance was given that the all treaty rights of Americans fishing in Canadian waters would be observed, and it was understood that this settled the controversy.

TO-NIGHT'S CONTEST.
Change in Betting on Fitzsimmons-O'Brien Fight—Cornishman the Favorite.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—There has been a change in the betting on the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien glove contest to take place to-night. The volume of money which poured into the pool rooms last night and yesterday morning on Fitzsimmons has made the Cornishman the favorite. Good judges of odds declare that when the men enter the ring Fitzsimmons will be a 10 to 7 choice. As to the result the opinions of the fight experts here are so widely different as the two poles. Those who favor Fitz predict to the effect that he did in training, so different from his labored efforts when he fought George Gardner here two years ago. The O'Brien faction while realizing that the Philadelphia pug has a big contract for the present, especially the \$100,000, and that he will tip the scales between 181 and 164 pounds.

NORTH WARD MEETING

Interesting Discussion at Weekly Session
of Municipal Association Last
Evening.

The North Ward Municipal Association held their weekly meeting to-night, when representatives of the ward were present and made a favorable impression by giving a straightforward statement of the year's work. Some of the acts of the council did not meet with the approval of those present, especially the filling in of a \$2,000 tank opposite E. G. Prior & Co.'s store. This recommendation of the engineer and fire chief to have it filled was criticized severely, and the impression prevailed that it was an unwarranted waste of public money. The aldermen pledged themselves to work for the purchase of recreation grounds in North Ward before available properties are sold for residential purposes, for the establishment of public conveniences in different parts of the city, and for a fair redistribution of the wards. Ald. Hanna promised to move again on the Indian reserve question with a view to protecting the city's interests there. On account of the late hour the hearing of applicants to office and suggestions from ratepayers was postponed until next meeting.

A resident of this city who was born in the same town as Andrew Carnegie has been very kindly dealt with by the latter. The Victorian has of late been losing his eyesight and suggested to a physician that the attention of Mr. Carnegie be called to the condition of the former's eyes. A resident of Dunfermline, Scotland, "this was done, and after further inquiries Mr. Carnegie's secretary wrote giving the information that \$25 a month had been settled upon the Victorian.

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ZEMSTVOISTS MAY GAIN THEIR POINT

AND SECURE SYSTEM OF
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

Discussed in Russian Council—Workmen Await News From Provinces Before Proclaiming Strike.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that the advocates of universal suffrage had the upper hand in the council at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday. The Emperor, who presided, expressed the wish that the representatives of the zemstvo congress should first present their views. Thereupon Dmitri Shipoff pointed out the gravity of the present situation. He urged not only the theoretical advantage of granting a system of universal suffrage, but also its absolute necessity from a tactical standpoint. The Emperor asked M. Shipoff bluntly whether he regarded

universal suffrage as necessary for the best interests of the country and the people, to which M. Shipoff replied emphatically that he did. Count Bobrinsky, master of the court, who heretofore has been an implacable opponent of universal suffrage, confessed that two weeks ago he believed such a suffrage should never be conceded, now, however, he was convinced that all considerations must give way to a single interest, the salvation of the fatherland. Universal suffrage, he said, had become the watchword of the people and in such a crisis the government must seize the psychological moment.

During the dinner which followed, with Count Witte at the head of the table, even the reactionary of those present hinted that it might be necessary after all to grant universal suffrage. It is now understood that Count Witte is determined to force through a universal scheme to-morrow.

There is no doubt that the proletarian organization will risk proclaiming a general strike as their answer to the government's policy of repression. The are anxiously awaiting responses from the provinces, and especially the decision of the railroad men whose central committee is holding a prolonged session at Moscow. The strongest argument of the leaders against delay is that the government will employ the time before January 22nd in breaking up the organizations throughout the country, leaving the revolution in a stranded condition. The government confidently counts upon the split in the ranks of the workmen which was produced by the starvation of many during the last strike, and upon the councils of such men as Father Gapon, who has advised his old followers not to heed the

advice of the socialist agitation and revolutionaries. Among the workmen in the mills and factories here, the proprietors say there has been a great change of sentiment. The men generally are satisfied with the Emperor's last speech, in which his Majesty declared it was his

Unchangeable Purpose to carry the reforms promised in his manifesto. Nevertheless, according to the proprietors, the men may easily be swept away on the tide of passion. There is considerable nervousness because of rumors that the loyal demonstrations which have been planned for to-day, the Emperor's birthday, are to be made the occasion for the turning loose of the "Black Hundreds" here and at Moscow, but it is extremely doubtful that even the most reactionary officials would be able to provide rioting in such a crisis. The warning of the government to the labor leaders that it would be unable to protect their followers from the fury of the populace in case of another general strike seems to be justified by a dispatch from Rostoff-on-Don, according to which a mob attacked a committee of railroad men called to discuss the question of the general strike. The members nearly to death.

Carl Stands Firm. Berlin, Dec. 19.—Count Von Alvensleben, the retiring German ambassador at St. Petersburg, talking to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung regarding his farewell audience with Emperor Nicholas, said the Emperor spoke freely about the situation and said firmly that he intended first to restore order and then carry out all the reforms promised. His Majesty added that he relied upon the assistance of the national assembly.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the St. Petersburg Zeitung affirms that he has been assured by "Serious persons" there exists at the Russian court a party including two ministers which is intriguing to persuade the foreign powers to take steps to rescue the subjects in Russia as a means of raising Russian national feeling to a point which will result in saving the country from anarchy.

Slain By Cossacks. New York, Dec. 19.—After seventeen days of the Russian revolution in Warsaw, after seeing hundreds murdered by Cossacks, and after having felt two bombs explode in the room under first the American officer, J. C. Mitchell, and then the Russian, here to-day on the steamer Bluecher, Mitchell has been in Russia under a contract with Baron Stoves. "I have had all I want of Russia," he said to-day. "I saw Cossacks charge into a crowd of 5,000 people in Warsaw. They used their knouts and pistols, and swung their swords at every head within reach. I stayed at the Bristol hotel in Warsaw, and from November 11th to November 17th, during the great strike, there were no cooks in the hotel. The night of November 18th, I was playing billiards in the billiard room on the second floor. We heard a great shouting outside, but this had become so usual that we paid no attention to it. Suddenly there was a fusillade of shots and a crashing of glass, then cries of pain from women in the cafe below. We ran to the head of the stairs and saw men and women rushing from the place.

Some dashed up the stairs and others back through the hall to the rear. While we stood there a bomb was thrown into the cafe and exploded, wrecking the ground floor. Another bomb quickly followed, and the whole building seemed to shake. Before the sound of the explosion had died away, the crowd had swarmed through the windows and a break in the wall and we heard the crashing of china and chairs, and the breaking of tables. The crowd had begun to think of the upper stories, and we looked for some way to escape.

"When we heard the yell of the Cossacks then came the charge of cavalry, the yells of the wounded and the crack of pistols, the horses running over people, with a sickening sound. The Cossacks literally cut their way through the crowd, driving their horses through the windows, cutting down all inside who did not flee. "Gradually quiet was restored. The official statement issued showed three killed, but three carloads of dead bodies were taken away a few days after this. I was in the American bar which faces on a park square, where there was a meeting of workmen. There were fully 5,000 crowded in the place when the Cossacks charged and cleared the park. The Cossacks were fired upon and several were wounded, and this appeared to drive them to fury, for they used their sabres freely. The place resembled a shambles. Some of the workmen rushed back and brought up the body of a dead comrade and threw it into a wheelbarrow with the legs dangling over the front. The crowd then paraded the streets, singing revolutionary songs, with the dead man wheeled in the lead."

INSURANCE AFFAIRS.
 John Tatlock, President of Washington Company, Gives Evidence.

New York, Dec. 19.—An inquiry into the affairs of the Washington Insurance Company was begun to-day by the legislative insurance investigating committee, when John Tatlock, president of the company, was called to the witness stand. Mr. Tatlock was elected in December, 1904, after an examination of the company by the state department, which resulted in a reorganization of the management of the company. Mr. Tatlock detailed reforms that had been instituted since the reorganization, among them the abolition of a cash surrender value in policies, and the elimination of the loan feature. He said that his experience had been that about 5 per cent. of the business ever paid up, and that a loan was but a deferred surrender of a policy. According to the witness \$40,000 in advances to agents had been placed upon the books of the company this year. These, he explained, were legacies from the former management. No contributions for political purposes had ever been made by the Washington Life, as far as the witness had been able to learn, and the only thing in the nature of legislative expenses was a retainer to W. S. Walker, who, the witness thought, was a Chicago newspaper man. This retainer was paid from 1891 until Mr. Tatlock took the presidency, when it was cut off. Walker wrote special stories in insurance and upon insurance measures, pending in western legislatures. Immediately after the present year, at the instigation of the finance committee, much of the company's holdings in bonds and mortgages upon real estate were closed out and the funds invested in negotiable securities. In many of these transactions, the securities were purchased through A. A. Ryan, broker, son of Thomas Ryan, financier. About \$240,000 has been invested in securities since January 1st. In the list of securities furnished the committee appeared \$100,000 of American tobacco, purchased January 1st. This was subsequently sold out at a profit of \$3,992. The witness explained that while the auditing committee did not look with favor upon the holdings of this stock, it was sold out because it was purchased as a temporary holding, and it was good to sell it.

The company never had gone into a syndicate until this year. Since January 1st, it has been in six. Previous to calling Mr. Tatlock, president H. W. E. Townsend, of the Life Association of America, was called to complete his testimony, which was interrupted by adjournment yesterday. He received a salary of \$12,000 a year. He said that the \$50,000 voted to him and Eugene Van Schack for organizing the company, was under the observation of the insurance department, and that the attorney-general had notified them that it would have to be paid back.

The Knickerbocker Investment Company, many of a majority of the trust voted certificates of the Bankers Life, which they pledged to the Manhattan Bonding and Underwriting, which Townsend and Van Schack organized, and of which they are directors.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

Explosion in New York Building—Telephone Room Wrecked.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled to-night through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association at No. 7 East Fourteenth street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes, and exploded, wrecking the place. Several employees in an adjoining room were stunned by the explosion. Footpaths the street was crowded, and for a time a panic was threatened. Fragments of the missile were picked up in the wrecked room, but no one could be found who saw the person who had thrown it. The Allied Iron Association was formed recently when the structural iron works declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post & McCord. One of the members of the allied association is the firm of Post & McCord, against whom a strike was declared some time ago and who are contractors for the Altman building, where six men were killed by an explosion to-day.

Two men named Rutherford and Murray, both from Philadelphia, were killed Monday night by highwaymen near Diaz, a small town in the mountains of Mexico. A man named Finstad, of Los Angeles, and another, unknown, were wounded. The robbers escaped.

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RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.
 Passenger Train Ditched—Believed to Have Been the Work of Wreckers.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 19.—A west-bound passenger train was wrecked at Badger creek bridge near here to-day. The engine, baggage and express cars and two coaches were derailed. One express car turned over and caught fire. E. E. Derrick, Kansas City express messenger, and Harry Davis, Topeka, engineer, were killed. Two passengers in the smoker were injured slightly. It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spikes securing one rail and the fish plates had been removed.

Trains Collide.
 Cumberland, Md., Dec. 19.—Two freight trains on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad collided near here to-day. The engine, baggage and express cars and two coaches were derailed. One express car turned over and caught fire. E. E. Derrick, Kansas City express messenger, and Harry Davis, Topeka, engineer, were killed. Two passengers in the smoker were injured slightly. It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spikes securing one rail and the fish plates had been removed.

Philippine Products.
 Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—By a vote of 7 to 5 the house committee on ways and means reported favorably to-day on the Payne bill, admitting all Philippine products in the United States free, excepting sugar and tobacco, which are to pay 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they also will be admitted free.

Accident on Elevated.
 New York, Dec. 19.—In one of the most extraordinary accidents known to American railroading, a heavy passenger train came together on the elevated tracks of the Hudson River railroad at 630 to-night near One Hundred and Tenth street in Harlem. J. W. Knapp, of New Rochelle, was killed and 40 persons were more or less seriously injured. Both of the colliding trains were northbound and had left the Grand Central station at Forty-Second street within a few minutes of each other. One was a Stamford local on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, which company uses the New York Central tracks. The other train was the Poughkeepsie express on the Central tracks. Rushing along parallel tracks, the trains suddenly came together.

Fire apparatus from the various stations was summoned, and many were rescued by means of ladders placed against the elevated structures. John D. Horn, engineer of the express train, was arrested to-night on the charge of manslaughter, and later was released on bail. No one on the Poughkeepsie train, as far as can be learned, was hurt.

Trains leaving the Grand Central station run through the Park avenue tunnel to Ninety-Seventh street, where the tracks emerge and are elevated. Part of the distance there is a stone viaduct and further along a steel and stone structure. There is a switch over from the express to the local tracks before the One Hundred and Tenth street station is reached. It was here the accident occurred.

RETURNS FROM ENGLAND.

President Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern, Tells of Trip.

President Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern, has returned to Toronto from England. In an interview he promised to give \$1,000 yearly for five years, to the Toronto Industrial Propagation Society to advertise the city, and it will be considered by the city council at its next meeting. Mr. Mackenzie went to England five weeks ago to obtain \$50,000 for next year's extension of the Canadian Northern system. He got the millions without any difficulty. "What is the most striking sign of the growing favor in which Canadian securities are held in the Old Country?" repeated Mr. Mackenzie. "Well, of course, I know best about my own business. I was in London last February for 100 days, which there was no difficulty in obtaining. The price was 92. In November we wanted £124,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at any period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of capital. But we determined to make 90 figures. Underwriting was arranged for in a few hours, and a public subscription proved in a very gratifying way the hold which the system has obtained on the conservative British investor."

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 19.—The barometer remains low over this province and off the coast, and unsettled, rainy weather prevails from Vancouver Island to California. A southerly gale has again occurred on the Washington coast and snow is falling in Cariboo. The weather remains comparatively mild in Alberta, and in Manitoba the temperature is a few degrees above zero.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional mist or rain. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 38; minimum, 37; wind, 2 miles S. W. rain, 35; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 38; minimum, 37; wind, 4 miles S. rain, 35; weather, cloudy. Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 28.72; temperature, 28; minimum, 25; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 28.64; temperature, 37; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles S. W. rain, 35; weather, snow. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles S. E. rain, 35; weather, cloudy. Edmonton—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, 24; minimum, 19; wind, calm; weather, fair.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

"After all the executive work of Ald. Halse, chairman of the finance committee, there will be no surplus of civil funds this year, as was expected," says the News-Advertiser. "At the special meeting of the city council Monday evening he announced that not a cent of the contingent fund remained, and to make matters worse the comptroller had discovered that \$5,000 or \$9,000, which earlier in the year had been charged to the by-law, has now to be transferred to the revenue account. This will leave a deficit of just that amount. This announcement was made in a brief but warm discussion which arose in connection with the condition of the streets."

Monday, following orders received from headquarters in Toronto, the local offices of the York County Loan & Savings Company, were closed. The National Trust Company, which was appointed liquidator by the winding-up order granted by Judge Tordoff in Toronto last Saturday, notified the Dominion Trust Company to take possession as agent. Almost at the same time, C. Grant, the local manager, received a telegram from the president of the York County Loan Company, instructing him to give up possession and to receive no further payments from shareholders. J. B. Mathers, manager of the Dominion Trust Company, acted on these instructions and closed the office and dismissed all the staff with the exception of Mr. Grant.

ham, whom he was notified to retain. Inventory of the effects of the York County Company was taken, and in a few days they will be removed to the offices of the Dominion Trust Company.

Ald. Halse has definitely decided that he will run again in Ward 1. His Worship the Mayor also announced on Monday that he would offer for re-election. J. H. Tracey is announced as a candidate in Ward 2 for alderman.

BRICKMAKERS' COMBINE.

Several Defendants, including Labor Leaders, Fined Two Thousand Dollars Each.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The so-called brick trust, of Chicago, made a complete surrender to State Attorney Healey in court yesterday, and the following defendants were fined \$2,000 each, with the exception of W. H. Weckler, who turned State's evidence. George P. Prussing, president of the Illinois Brick Company; J. H. Grey, sales agent for the same company; William H. Weckler, general superintendent of the company; Edward J. Tromlin, sales agent for the Chicago Brick Company; John J. H. Shellhammer, sales agent for the American Brick Company; Patrick McMahon, business agent of the Brick, Sand, Lime and Terra Cotta Teamsters' Union; Chas. Hawk, business agent of Brickmakers' Union; the Illinois Brick Company; the Chicago Brick Company; and American Brick Company.

The indictments were obtained at the instance of a number of small dealers who complained to the grand jury that they were unable to get supplies unless they complied with the terms and all demands of the combination of brick-makers which practically controlled the output of brick in Chicago and vicinity.

As soon as the cases were called in court yesterday the attorneys for the defence announced that William H. Weckler had decided to turn State's evidence and it was desired that the punishment be lightened on the other nine defendants, should be remitted in his case.

Mr. Healey said that he was willing that this action should be taken in Mr. Weckler's case and the attorneys then entered pleas of guilty for all the other defendants. The fines were paid and the defendants were dismissed.

The charge against the labor leaders, included with the officials of the brick combine in the indictment, was that they call strikes on buildings where the contractors used brick purchased from others than those in the combine.

In cases where these strikes were called it was said by the state's attorney, the contractors were compelled to pay their men for all the time they were on strike under penalty of having their supply cut off by the combination or having a second strike called.

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ATTEMPT TO UPSET WINDING-UP ORDER

Application in Case of York County Loan Company—Chief Justice Meredith's Decision.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—An attempt to upset Judge Teetger's winding-up order in the case of the York County Loan Co. was made before Chief Justice Meredith in court this morning. James Dicknell, K. C., acting for a number of outside shareholders, made this application, arguing, first, that the company, having a provincial charter, could not come under the Dominion Winding-up Act; secondly, that the company was not insolvent and the shareholders, as such, were not creditors. Chief Justice Meredith replied that the shareholders were creditors and very serious creditors, and he declined to consider the question of insolvency. The act of the directors was an admission of their inability to conduct the affairs of the company. He refused leave to appeal against the winding-up order on the point of solvency. On the point of jurisdiction of the Dominion Winding-up Act, he granted a special case to the Court of Appeals, with the proviso, however, that liquidation proceedings should not be stayed unless so ordered by the Court of Appeals.

Many Cases.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Conspiracy charges against individual members of the Master Plumbers' Association were commenced in the police court to-day. There are 165 cases in all.

Entered for Probate.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The will of Rev. Robert Warden, D.D., late general agent of the Presbyterian church of Canada, was entered for probate yesterday. The gross estate is \$105,715.56.

Montreal Gas.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Prof. Benoit, of Cleveland, Ohio, the expert, appointed by the city council to report on what would be a reasonable price for gas in Montreal, to-day reported to the council that the price, in his opinion, should be 57 cents. The local company has a franchise extending for five years, but would like an extension, and had offered for such extension to reduce the price within the next four years from \$1.20 to \$1 for lighting, and within two years from \$1 to 90 cents for fuel gas.

Death of G. W. Draper.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Gen. W. Draper, ex-governor of Melville Island, is dead, aged 82 years. He served in the Melville Island military prison for about 30 years, retiring about 10 years ago.

Compton Vacancy.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 19.—R. H. Pope, ex-M. P., has been nominated by the Conservative party to oppose A. R. Hunt, Liberal, in the Compton constituency, at the general election, December 28th, and polling January 4th.

Temporarily Insane.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—Valentine Shortle, the Valleyfield murderer, transferred from St. Vincent de Paul to Kingston penitentiary, is now temporarily insane, and has been transferred to the insane asylum.

Mrs. E. G. Charlton Dead.

Simcoe, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ella Gray Charlton, wife of Hon. J. Charlton, is dead, aged 68 years.

Damage \$40,000.

Windsor, Dec. 19.—The warehouse of the Port Huron Thrasher Company here was burned this morning, entailing a loss of \$40,000; insurance \$21,000.

Another Blaze.

Rosheron, Sask., Dec. 19.—Half the best business block in Rosheron was destroyed at midnight by fire, when Lowe & Rempe's stock in the McIntyre building, McEwen's salerooms and the Webb bowling alley were wiped out by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach \$50,000, while the owners are insured for \$13,000. Wright's jewellery store was also razed and is a total loss.

Mayor Fleming Re-elected.

Brandon, Dec. 19.—Mayor Fleming was re-elected to-day by a majority of 638 over Dr. McDiarmid, the Citizens League candidate.

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OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lord Grey received the following cable to-day from the trustees of the Rhodes scholarship: "Trustees congratulate Canada on Rose's success, winning Ireland and Craven." Mr. Rose is a son of Dr. S. P. Rose, of the Methodist church, Montreal.

The friends of temperance are asking for the repeal of the Scott Act in Prince county, P. E. I., because the local temperance laws are more stringent. A vote will be arranged for the repeal of the act.

The American vessel Tatler has been seized at Sydney, Cape Breton, for an infraction of the Canadian marine laws, by shipping men without a license.

THE VENEZUELA INCIDENT.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French government is officially advised of President Castro's favorable action in withdrawing the Argentine note to Mr. Valdes, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, and Premier Rouvier communicated to the council of ministers that Venezuela having backed the incident is considered to have been regulated according to the desires of France.

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LABORERS RESCUED.

Brave Swimmers Entered Tunnel and Brought Out Two Imprisoned Italians.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three daring swimmers to-day rescued the two Italian laborers who for more than forty hours have been imprisoned in the East River tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the under-water bore.

Surrounded by water which threatened to engulf them the moment the compressed air should fail to hold it in check, the two entombed men had kept up constant communication with the surface by tapping on the pipes which brought them air.

The first word to be spoken to their would-be rescuers by the two men "imprisoned" in the tunnel, was: "Don't forget to bring me a cup of tea to-day. For God's sake, hurry up," was the message.

They were almost exhausted when late this afternoon the three men swam up to the platform in the tunnel on which they were huddled and hurriedly the frightened men to plunge into the water. The two stranger swimmers of the three each took a man upon his back, while the third swam alongside ready to render his assistance.

Ever since the cave-in, which filled the short end of the bore where the men were working, more than a hundred laborers had worked desperately to sink a shaft to the point where the imprisoned men were thought to be located. Late to-day they reached the top of the tunnel. Then the work became so tedious and slow that it seemed the men could not be reached while alive.

In the meantime powerful pumps were working to overcome the inflow of water. At first they did not seem to gain, but finally there came slight lowering of the level. A roadway was sent for, but when it arrived it was seen that must be hours before the water would be sufficiently reduced to permit it to enter. Finally some one suggested that the rescuers swim to the exhausted men.

Capt. Lewis, a cousin of one of the two imprisoned men, Charles Murdock and Philip Edmonds, volunteered for the task, and plunged into the icy water. Barely two feet separated the tunnel from the surface of the flood water. Then followed anxious moments for the watchers outside. At last a splash of water was heard and Lewis appeared in view with one of the entombed men on his back. Edmonds next appeared with the second laborer clinging desperately to his shoulders.

Rescuers and rescued were lined by the tunnel contractors. To-morrow work will be resumed.

Green—"What became of that pretty stenographer you used to have?" Brown—"Had to let her go because the jerk hired with her." Green—"Why don't you get a plain one?" Brown—"I did advertise for one of that kind, but didn't get a single response."—Chicago Daily News.

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The usual social dance, will be held
in Simpson's hall next Tuesday evening
instead of Friday. It is expected that
a large number will be present as this
will be the last social dance before the
New Year.

Steamer "Princess Beatrice," sailing
from here daily at 9 p.m., connects at
Seattle with Northern Pacific trains
for all points East and South.

W. Dickson, 25 Johnson street, won
the gold chain at the St. Mary's
bazaar.

There are gasoline engines of many
makes and descriptions, but there was
only one secured the gold medal for
this type of marine propulsion at the
Louisiana purchase exposition, St.
Louis, last year, only one secured like
honors at the Lewis & Clark exposi-
tion recently closed at Portland. This
engine is the celebrated Truscott. At
the above shows, all of the great
manufacturers of marine gas engines
exhibited the Truscott product, being
judged the best of all. Further com-
ment is unnecessary, but Hutchinson
Brook, Broughton street, will be please
to give further particulars to any-
one inquiring for same. They also wish
to inform the public that they are now
building in Victoria launches of all
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evening next confer degrees. A very
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ting at Smith & Champion's, 100 Doug-
las street. Phone 718. Call and see
them.

The total clearings at the Victoria
clearing house for the week ending
December 19th were \$31,397.

Steamer Venture (1000 tons) arrived at
Vancouver from northern British Col-
umbia ports. She will reach Victoria
this evening.

Several parcels were left at the
Westside on Saturday night. Pur-
chasers can get the same by applying
at the office, 11 Bank of Commerce
building.

Critics of luncheon, goose, etc. for the
patients at the St. James' hospital, will
be gladly received or sent for by in-
forming the housekeeper at that insti-
tution. The hospital telephone num-
ber is 534.

The W. C. T. U. will meet on
Thursday at 2 p.m. in their rooms on
Yates street. As this will be the last
meeting in this year the members are
urgently requested to be present, as
matters of great importance will be
discussed.

Capt. Townsend, master of the
steamer Queen City, reports to the B.
C. agency of marine and fisheries that
the Whistling buoy at the entrance to
Port San Juan, Vancouver Island, has
disappeared. Mariners are requested
to govern themselves accordingly.

W. Carter, Canadian cargo inspec-
tor at Liverpool, thus describes the
British Columbia fruit which took the
gold medal at the royal horticultural
show: "The quality of this fruit was
most excellent. I have never seen
finer apples anywhere. This was the
opinion of all who saw them."

All who intend sending donations to
be distributed by the Friendly Help
Society are asked to send them to the
rooms, market hall, to-day. The ladies
hope to distribute the Christmas boxes
to-morrow. The rooms will be closed
from Friday, December 22nd, until
January 2nd.

In order to allow the employees of
the E. & N. railway an opportunity to
spend Christmas at home no trains
will be run on that day. There will be
the regular service on New Year's day.
Excursion rates will be in effect be-
tween all points for the holiday sea-
son, tickets being on sale from Satur-
day, December 22nd, until Monday,
January 1st. Road for return until
Tuesday, January 2nd. This will afford
an opportunity for friends or relatives
to spend either Christmas Day or New
Year's Day with friends at different
points along the line.

In consequence of the many in-
quiries as to the effect that frostigation
by hydrocyanic acid gas has on fruit
and the fear that has been expressed
as to the wholesomeness of fruit so
treated, inquiries have been made at
the department of agriculture regard-
ing the matter. It is learned that
while the gas generated during frosti-
gation is of the most deadly character
to animal and insect life, it has no
effect whatever on vegetation, and
fruit so treated is in no manner im-
paired in its quality and is perfectly
wholesome for consumption.

A dispatch from St. Paul says:
"That the Great Northern is going to
make a vigorous campaign for freight
and passenger business in the new dis-
trict just invaded by the system. In
British Columbia is shown by the an-
nouncement that a division freight
and passenger department is to be lo-
cated there. The division is a new
one and marks the first move on the
part of the Great Northern to carry its
divisions into foreign territory. P. H.
Burnham has been appointed the
freight and passenger agent of the new
division. Previously Mr. Burnham
was a travelling freight agent
with headquarters in St. Paul."

DEFENDANTS' SIDE OF WATER CASE

**A. E. McPHILLIPS HAS
FINISHED ARGUMENT**

**Plaintiff's Address Has Yet to be Made
In Support of Injunction Being
Granted**

The argument of A. E. McPhillips,
K. C., was continued yesterday after-
noon in the application for an injunc-
tion made by the Esquimalt Water-
works Company to restrain the Victo-
ria Power Company from securing a
record at Goldstream. The case is be-
ing argued before Mr. Justice Duff.
Mr. McPhillips, representing the
power company, took up a new point
against the Esquimalt company which
had not been touched upon in the trial
in which the city appeared as de-
fendant. This was to the effect that
the Esquimalt company was incorpo-
rated as a waterworks organization for
the supplying of water for domestic
purposes to the Esquimalt peninsula.
That being the case the company had
no right to sell power under its char-
ter.

His Lordship called attention to the
fact that it was put forth that power
was not sold but that water was dis-
posed of according to the act of in-
corporation.

Mr. McPhillips thought that this
could not very well be supported. The
water was for the purpose of supply-
ing power and for that alone. Power
was the keynote of the whole transac-
tion. In the case of the National Elec-
tric Company the Esquimalt corpora-
tion entered into an agreement to sell
power. While in the contract with the
B. C. Electric this was not done di-
rectly yet in reality it was power
which was disposed of. He thought
that this was not in line with the act
of incorporation, if the Esquimalt
company wanted additional power to
that conferred upon it to supply water
for domestic purposes it should have
gone and had the charter amended so
as to cover the case.

Further, Mr. McPhillips contended
that there was nothing in the act which
gave the plaintiffs the right to inter-
fere with the likes.

At the time of adjournment the ar-
gument was still in progress.

To-day's Proceedings.

This forenoon Mr. McPhillips com-
pleted his address before adjournment
at 1 o'clock. A good part of the morn-
ing was occupied with the quoting of
authorities in support of his side of
the case.

The question of what constituted a
record according to the Water Clauses
Act came up for consideration. Mr.
McPhillips thought that the obtaining
of rights for water by a statute such
as that of the Esquimalt Waterworks
Act might have been intended to be
described as a record.

His Lordship said a record was some-
thing in itself which gave a right to
diversion. An act of the legislature did
not do this.

Mr. McPhillips thought the legisla-
ture perhaps meant to embrace rights
obtained under the act, however. In
effect really the same objects were ob-
tained.

Before concluding Mr. McPhillips
contended that the Esquimalt company
could claim only the water appropri-
ated and diverted at the time of the
passing of the Water Clauses Act in
1897.

The act came in for considerable dis-
cussion between His Lordship and
counsel as to the exact meaning of
some of its sections in this respect, the
grammatical construction and lack of
clearness being criticized. Difficultly
it was admitted, was to be found in
getting at the exact meaning.

Mr. McPhillips thought that it was
the intention of the act to allow all
rights obtained by the company pre-
vious to the passing of the Water Privi-
leges Act of 1932. This latter act
would deprive the company of any
rights to water not appropriated at the
time of its passage. If it did not cer-
tainly the Water Clauses Act of 1897
did this.

Mr. McPhillips held that his company
did not depend upon that contention
alone, however, as it was held that
even if they could not interpret the law
in that way yet there was water below
the first dam which was not being

used, and which was open to record.
Court then adjourned until this af-
ternoon.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Anti-Tuberculosis League Elect Officers
for the Year.

The annual meeting of the Anti-Tu-
berculosis Association was held in the city
hall on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Bullen in
the chair.

In the absence of Mrs. Barnard, Dr.
Pagano presented the financial report for
the year, which showed a balance of
\$1,026.54. It was decided to have this re-
port printed in full in the local papers.
It was decided to have the annual con-
cert of the society on Shrove Tuesday,
Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Her-
man Robertson were appointed to ar-
range for concert.

The new members for the month were:
Rev. Mr. Sweet and Mrs. Sweet, Mrs.
Toller, Mrs. Beauchamp, Tye and Mrs.
Chute. It was resolved that this associa-
tion be affiliated with the Local Council
of Women.

The officers for the coming year were
elected as follows: President, Mrs. Bul-
len, vice-president, Mrs. Stuart Robert-
son; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Mara, (pro-
tem) secretary, Mrs. Elliott Rowe.

Ethel Pearl Davis, aged 18 years,
died at the residence of her parents,
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At the first indication of ill health, such as painful or irregular menstruation, secure at once a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and begin its use.

"EL CAPITAN" TO-NIGHT

Rosarian Opera Company Will Open Four Nights' Engagement at the Victoria.

The Rosarian Opera Company, an organization of thirty people, will present Sousa's brilliant military comic opera "El Capitan" at the Victoria theatre this evening. The company is booked for a four nights' engagement. Tomorrow, it will appear in "The Mikado" on Friday night "Fra Diavolo," and on Saturday, "The Telephone Girl."

The company comes to Victoria well recommended. The Winnipeg Free Press says that in "El Capitan" it more than emphasized the reputation for cleverness, vivacity and brightness which preceded them to that city. The Winnipeg Tribune says: "Of all the companies which have come to Winnipeg at the time of year for spring productions of comic opera, the Rosarians hold the palm. Each production they have made has been extremely enjoyable. They have become prime favorites by all classes."

Lucia Nda, the prima donna soprano with the Rosarians, has it is stated, the endorsement of Schumann Heink as an artist of the first rank. Her work with that famous singer under the management of Fred Wilson, was, it is said, particularly effective, and in "El Capitan" the part of Isabel will give her exceptional opportunity for the display of that marvellous voice with which she is credited.

Watson's Theatre.

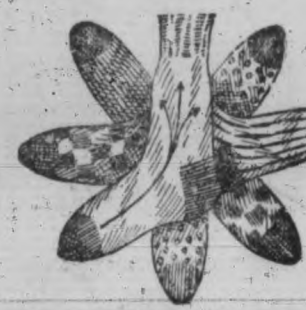
To-night local theatre-goers will have their last opportunity of seeing the Watson Stock Company's excellent production of "Charley's Aunt." There was a big audience present last night and the comedy went without a hitch.

To-morrow night and for the balance of the week one of the most interesting of all comedy dramas, "Our Boys," will be produced. "Our Boys" ran continuously for nearly three years in London. Manager Watson is taking special pains to make the production one that will please from every standpoint.

Next week the big holiday attractions will be on. Starting with a Christmas Day matinee and running until Wednesday night, the fairy play "Cinderella" will hold the boards. The last half of the week will be devoted to Goeth's immortal drama, "Faust." The Watson company have given excellent satisfaction in this great play, having produced it in every large city in the west with more than ordinary success.

If you are going East take the Northern Pacific's popular electric lighted train "The North Coast Limited."

What do you think of this? a beautiful Carlsbad china dinner set, 100 pieces, for \$15, at Weller Bros. These sets are usually sold up to \$35.



MONTHLY MEETING OF HOSPITAL BOARD

Exception Taken to Reports that No Free Patients are Treated—Proposed Beds.

The directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital held their regular monthly meeting last evening. F. B. Pemberton presided, and there were present in addition H. D. Helmcken, K. C. Alex. Wilson, A. E. Lewis, J. W. Bolden, D. E. Campbell, R. S. Day, C. A. Holland, Dr. Hassell and Secretary Elworthy.

A communication was read from R. T. Lynam, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, desiring information relative to the union putting a bed in the hospital to permit of treatment of members of the organization. If this were possible particulars as to terms were asked.

The board instructed the secretary to send the information to the writer, and also to thank the union for its offer.

Capt. Hughes wrote that he had \$22 on hand to be devoted to the putting in of a bed for the British Columbia coast service. He asked for information as to the cost of maintaining such a bed, and also made inquiries as to what should be done with the money. The executive was given power to act on the communication.

Miss McDonald, matron of the hospital, acknowledged the receipt of the following donations: Daughters of City, fruit and plants; Mrs. Weller, three table napkins and magazines; Mrs. Kent, old linen.

The secretary reported the following donations and subscriptions: Balance of city grant for 1904, \$99; Jane Sophie Bates, \$22.00; Lady Crease, \$10; estate A. VanLakere, \$25; Wm. Fernie, \$10; W. F. P. \$25.

The resident medical officer reported that during the past month the total number of patients treated was 152; total admitted, 95; free patients, 76; days' stay, 1,904; daily average, 66.14.

The house committee recommended that new linoleum be put down in the corridors between the medical and female wards. It was reported that linoleum to match that put down by the ladies would cost about \$250. Miss M. Hunsbun, who was appointed housekeeper-stewardess, commenced her duties on the 1st inst. The report was received and adopted.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts for the month of November amounting to \$1,908.88. The salaries for the same month amounting to \$1,908.88 had been paid. The total days' stay for November was 1,904, and the salaries paid and accounts payable give an average cost per diem per patient of \$1.50. The report was received and adopted.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, that this board extend its deep sympathy to Bishop Cridge and family in the hour of grief, through the death of his wife, who, with the bishop, was instrumental in the construction and maintenance of the first hospital in the city, which has eventually grown into the splendid institution, the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital.

The special committee on the construction of the Children's ward, were given additional time, and also the power to call for tenders for the erection of the new ward.

Alfred Wilson, chief clerk, reported the reports that no patients were treated free of charge at the Jubilee hospital. A clergyman of the Catholic denomination it was reported had said that all the free patients were sent to St. Joseph's hospital. Since that ministers of other denominations had made similar statements. He thought that the public should be informed on the subject in some way. He called attention to the fact that during the past year over 800 patients were treated free.

The board adjourned after a short discussion of the question.

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"Where's that umbrella I lent you yesterday?" "Jones borrowed it. Why?" "Oh, nothing; only the fellow I borrowed it of says that the owner has been asking him for it."—Cleveland Leader.

Friday, 15th January.

10 a.m.—The Relation of Our Forests to Our Other Industries.—The Wood Supply of the Railways. W. E. Tye, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway; a representative of the Grand Trunk railway; "Water Powers," C. H. Keefe, C. E.; "The Forest and the Mine," Fred. Koffor, manager, British Columbia Copper Co.; "The Pulp Industry in Canada," E. B. Bigger, editor of the Pulp and Paper Magazine; "The Demand of the Newspaper on the Forest," by a representative of the Canadian Press Association; "The Wood Supply of the Manufacturer," J. K. Osborne, vice-president of the Massey-Harris Co.

2 p.m.—Forestry Education.—For-

W. C. T. U. CONCERT.

Entertainment in Institute Hall Last Night Was a Success.

The W. C. T. U. demonstration concert given last night in Institute hall was an excellent one. The work being done by this organization was shown by the papers read by the superintendents of various departments. Too much cannot be said in praise of the parts taken by the children of the Loyal Temperance Legion, their recitation and songs being well rendered. The work was illustrated by tableaux, one of these, the "Rock of Ages," being especially beautiful. A pathetic scene was the children from the alleys, poor, ragged, and unkempt. One of them gave a recitation and the children of the L. T. L. marched in singing "Rescue the Perishing" and encircled the little waifs with the band of ribbon white. The closing tableau was that of the "globe" with children dressed in costume to represent the different nations of the world with the white ribbon encircling the whole. This showed how the emblem, the white ribbon, has indeed encircled the globe. The Misses Snowcroft sang very pleasing trios. Miss Underhill is to be congratulated on the success of the programme. Requests have been made for it to be repeated some time in the near future.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

Programme for the Meeting in Ottawa on January 10th, 11th and 12th.

The Canadian forestry convention will open in the railway committee room of the House of Commons, Ottawa, on January 10th, and will continue during the two succeeding days.

The hon. president of the convention is His Excellency the Governor-General. The president is the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the vice-president is His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere and R. L. Borden, M. P. Among the members of the executive committee are John Hendry, of Vancouver, Hon. R. P. Green and F. W. Jones, president of the C. Mountain Lumbermen's Association.

The object of the convention is to consider the forests of the Dominion, their importance to the nation and their influence on the commercial and agricultural prosperity of the people, and to discuss—means by which the beneficial influences of the forests may best be preserved and perpetuated.

The railway lines throughout Canada have kindly arranged for a single fare rate for the convention on the condition without regard to the number in attendance. Most of the railways in the United States will allow return for one-third fare provided there is an attendance of over one hundred.

The following is a preliminary statement of the programme, and of those who will take part:

10 a.m.—Preliminary Business.—President's address by the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, address by the president of the Canadian Forestry Association, E. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, address by Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forest service of the United States, impromptu addresses.

2 p.m.—The Nation and the Forest.—"Dominion Forestry," E. Stewart, "Forest Reserves," Thos. Southworth, director of forestry for Ontario; "Forest Fires," Dr. Robert Bell, acting director of the geological survey; "Water Powers and Railways," Cecil B. Smith, chairman of the Temperance railway commission; "Forestry and Irrigation," Ad. de la Haye, Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture; "Forestry and Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irrigation for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Thursday, 15th January.

10 a.m.—Forestry in Relation to Agriculture.—"The Agricultural Forest," E. J. Allen, C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario; "Forestry on the Experimental Farms," Dr. Wm. Saunders, director of experimental farms for the Dominion; "Farm Forestry for the Eastern Provinces," Rev. A. E. Burke, P. E. I.; "Tree Planting in the West," Norman M. Ross, assistant superintendent of forestry for Canada.

2 p.m.—The Forest and the Lumber and Pulp Wood Industries.—Address by Hon. W. C. Edwards, president of the Quebec Lumber Association; address by a representative of the Ontario Lumbermen's Association; "The Forests of Nova Scotia," F. C. Whitman, president of the Western Nova Scotia Lumbermen's Association; "The Lumber Industry in British Columbia," F. W. Jones, president of the Mountain Lumbermen's Association; "The Lumber Industry and the Forest," Wm. Little, Westmount, P. Q.; "The Pulpwood Industry," H. M. Price, president of the Pulpwood Association of the province of Quebec.

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THE DOUKHOBOR COLONY.

Peter Verigin Says Last Year Was a Prosperous One.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Peter Verigin, head of the Doukhabor colony at Yorkton, Sask., is here, and says that the colony is prosperous. "I am here," he said, "and you can say that we like this country."

Asked whether many new arrivals had come to the colony during the year, he said that in the fall fully 200 Doukhabors came from Siberia, whence they had been banished by the Russian government because they had refused to carry arms. Their families were many of them, already here and to them they were like fathers and brothers from the land of the dead. For twelve long years they had phied away in the dreary Siberian wilds buoyed up by the hope of seeing their families again in Canada, where they had gone during their captivity.

"Why were these men sent to Siberia?" was asked.

"They had no alternative," he replied, "than that of taking up arms, and Doukhabors will never do that. They preferred to go into exile than to violate the tenets of their religion."

Most of these exiles were sentenced to eighteen years, but their terms were reduced to twelve and they were allowed to come off to Canada. In the colony there are two colonies of these people, one at Yorkton and another at Prince Albert. At Yorkton he stated that they were about 7,000 strong; while some 3,000 lived near Prince Albert. The Doukhabors will never do that. They preferred to go into exile than to violate the tenets of their religion."

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COMING IN MAY.

The sailing schooner *Isidore L. Corkum*, owned by Capt. Peppitt, of this city, will operate next year in Behring Sea. At the present time the *Corkum* is taking seal in the southern sea. The catch will be shipped from a South American port, and the schooner will then proceed northward along the coast engaging in hunting and reaching Victoria about May with her coast take, which will be marketed from here. The *Corkum* will afterwards proceed to fighting sea, Capt. Peppitt operating both the *Isidore* and the *Corkum*.

IN DANGER.

A message came from Carmanah last evening stating that a four-masted schooner was in danger of distress off that point, and was dangerously near shore. Word was sent to the Puget Sound Tugboat Company to dispatch a tug to the rescue at once. The schooner had been trying to enter the Straits, and in maneuvering got too close to Vancouver Island. A thirty-six mile gale was blowing yesterday morning, but with a change of the weather conditions the schooner was able to work off shore into a comparatively safe position. At least she was reported well off shore this morning. Up till about noon no tug had reached here to give her a tow up the Straits.

FROM WEST COAST.

Word comes from the West Coast on the steamer *Queen City*, which reached port last night, that the catch of whales taken at the Sechart station has been increased to almost an average of two a day. The *Queen City* had a very rough trip, and the return had to be at Barnfield over night because of a heavy southeast gale. As a heavy

sea was running next day no call was made at Carmanah. Among the passengers to arrive on the steamer were William Price, the mining expert, who has been examining iron properties on Quatsino Sound; G. H. Grant of this city, who is working the June group on Quatsino Sound, and comes home for the holidays; E. Page and W. Price, who have been on a hunting trip to Kyauquot Sound; Lieutenant Thompson and two other members of the local garrison, who have been hunting, and brought a fine head home with them.

YUKON OPEN.

The Yukon river is said to be open at Yukon Crossing. Latest advices received by M. J. B. White, freight and passenger traffic manager of the White Horse railway, are that the weather in the Yukon watershed is unusually mild. The stages between Dawson and White Horse are making good time. Mr. Robinson has commenced the operation of a line of stages between Dawson and Fairbanks, and is running a regular schedule.

NO NEW YEAR'S DAY.

"The officers and crew and passengers of the R. M. S. *Empress of India* which sails for the Orient on Christmas Day, will, strange to say, have no New Year's Day." This is owing to the change in time and date of crossing the hundred and eightieth meridian, which the officers of the *Empress* hope to reach on the night of Sunday, December 31st. After crossing the meridian a day will be gained. Instead of the next day being Monday, January 1st, 1906, it will be Tuesday, January 2nd, thus cheating the passengers aboard the *Empress* of the pleasure of seeing the old year out and the new year in.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At a representative meeting of school trustees of Burnaby municipality, held on Friday evening, the new school act was discussed, and it was decided that the method of assessing and collecting the school tax was so cumbersome as to render it almost unworkable, too much machinery being the small return or collection to be made. Representation will be made to the legislature, on the matter with a view of getting the act amended.

PHOENIX.

It is now the expectation of W. C. Thomas, superintendent of the Dominion Copper Company's smelting works at Boundary Falls, to blow in the second furnace at those works about two weeks' time. Two weeks ago the first furnace was placed in blast by Mr. Thomas, and since then has been doing very satisfactory work, it is understood, unofficially. Approximately 250 tons of ore per day have been smelted, the ore all coming from the company's Brooklyn, Stenwinder, and Rayville mines in Phoenix camp, and from their Sunset mine in Deadwood camp, the latter being used as a flux. A number of improvements have been made by Mr. Thomas since he assumed charge at the smelter, and with his force of some 60 men he is getting excellent results. The matte from the Dominion Copper Company's smelter is converted at a company's works at Greenwood, a carload being treated every two or three days. With the blowing in of the second furnace at this smelter the daily output

of the company's mines in this camp will also be doubled. At present the company has about 150 men all told on its payroll, which number will be materially increased with the increase of output soon to take place. The monthly payroll of the company in this camp which took place last week, distributed about \$10,000 in wages alone here from the one company. With that of the Granby company here, which also took place at the same time, between \$25,000 and \$30,000 was paid out here to miners for November payroll.

NELSON.

"The question of increasing the staff of the Nelson High school, which was decided in the affirmative several months ago, will be reconsidered and a different decision may be reached. The members of the board of trustees feel that the present staff of the high school is quite high enough, considering that it benefits less than 50 pupils," says the News. "Whether the work of the staff is appreciated and there is no disposition to ask of Messrs. Fraser and Baird more than they can satisfactorily perform, it is likely that the relief will now be sought in another direction, by reducing the number of classes. The board met Saturday evening. Applications for positions on the staff were read and the question of an appointment arose. F. W. Evanson wished to go on record as being opposed to the addition to the high school staff which was expected to create a vacancy on the public school staff. He pointed out the already very high per capita cost of high school education, which was three times that of the public school. Dr. Hall was disposed to agree with the objection. W. J. Baird was summoned and explained that the pupils taking university work took an insignificant share of the time of the staff, but that the work was therefore incompletely done. He thought that four classes might fairly be attended to by two teachers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Begin to announce to the ladies and gentlemen of Victoria-West that they have made arrangements to hold daily demonstrations for TWO WEEKS, COMMENCING MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th, regarding treatment of the Hair and Scalp. They respectfully invite everyone to call and consult with them. Come and see the Long Beautiful Hair, grown by the use of the SEVEN SUTHERLAND SISTERS' HAIR GROWING, CLEANING, HAIR AND SCALP TREATMENT. Office, 11 Colborne Street, Toronto. J. H. Bailey, Foreign Manager.

Dr. Arthur suggested that multiplicity of classes might be avoided by substituting "university" courses for the intermediate grade of the education department curriculum. After further discussion Dr. Arthur moved that the question of adding to the high school staff be left over for further consideration at a special meeting, which was accepted.

The death occurred in Nelson at an early hour Saturday morning of Mrs. Martha Robinson, widow of the late W. P. Robinson, sheriff of Kootenay. Mrs. Robinson has been a resident of Nelson for 12 years, coming here from Manitoba, in 1892, and was 53 years of age. Eight children were born to her, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Motley of Nelson, Mrs. Guest and Mrs. Lambach of the same place, Mrs. Shaw of Seattle, and Mrs. Paterson of Carmanah. Walter J. Robinson, of Rossland, H. D. Robinson, of Idaho, and Oscar Robinson, of Nelson, Mr. Motley, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Paterson are now in Nelson.

KAMLOOPS.

After barely a week's illness, George Ogilvy Robertson, aged 23, son of a farmer at Savona, for the past four years, died on Wednesday at the Royal Infirmary hospital of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss. The Yau-Cariboo Teachers' Institute will hold their biennial convention in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, January 10th and 11th next. The day sessions will be held in the public school building and special arrangements have been made for the evening, that of the first day being devoted to a public meeting in the K. M. & A. A. hall and on Thursday evening a conversation will be held in the same place.

FERNIE.

The Midway hotel at Monticney mines, with all its furniture and contents, was totally destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The fire hotel was built three years ago at a cost of \$12,000, and the contents would bring the sum up to \$15,000. It was insured for \$5,000. The cause for the fire is a mystery, and it is generally believed that it was of incendiary origin. The day before Joe Gail, the former proprietor, moved out, and Friday Messrs. G. Whelan and Grant Downing, the new proprietors, who had taken a long lease of the hotel, intended moving in. The building was the property of the Triton-Wood Company. The fire commenced about 3 o'clock and was well under way when it was noticed. A vacant house, valued at \$10,000, was also burned, and the Western hotel got a scorching.

VERNON.

Mrs. A. Swainson, late of Santa Cruz, a graduate of the Victoria Jubilee hospital, who has spent some years as superintendent of a hospital in Belgium, has been engaged to fill the position of lady superintendent of the Vernon Jubilee hospital, just vacated by Miss Woodland. She came in to assume the duties of her office on Wednesday's train. —News.

REVELSTOCK.

On Wednesday, while a train in charge of Conductor Bruce was shunting at Beaverbrook, brakeman J. H. Davidson was coupling cars when the engine suddenly backed, and a steel rail slipping from a flat car he was on caught and drove him against a box car, inflicting terrible injuries. He was removed to Golden hospital, where he died Friday morning.

Work is progressing on the new mill of the Revelstoke Sawmill Company at the Big Eddy and their camps are going again for a big cut for next spring.

GREENWOOD.

Kenneth McKenzie, president, occupied the chair at the annual meeting of Greenwood Liberal Association. Secretary Treasurer Thomas read the annual financial statement, which showed a substantial balance to the credit of the association. Dr. H. S. Simmons was elected president for the ensuing year, Dr. K. Mathison, vice-president, and A. F. Thomas was unanimously re-elected secretary. Treasurer. The following were unanimously elected as the executive committee: Kenneth McKenzie, Geo. J. Naden, W. S. Graham, S. B. Yull, J. W. Parker and T. F. Sutherland.

ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS. Rome, Dec. 18.—The cabinet of Prime Minister Fortis has resigned, following a twelve hours' debate in the chamber of deputies and the defeat by the opposition of the commercial modus vivendi with Spain. The sitting was a most exciting one. It had been understood that the fate of the cabinet would be decided by the vote on the measure, and 450 deputies were present. The visitors' gallery was crowded to overflowing.

In the debate Premier Fortis defended the position of the government, saying that the modus vivendi would protect Italy's interests.

The poll on the modus vivendi was lost by a majority of 182.

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NORTHWEST TRAVELLERS.

Annual Meeting at Winnipeg—Vice-President For British Columbia.

At the annual meeting of the Northwest Travellers' Association at Winnipeg most gratifying reports were presented. The membership had increased 16 per cent, during the year, numbering now 1,843, of which 382 are in British Columbia, where the association is flourishing. Another branch for Alberta will be opened at Calgary. The financial report showed assets of \$97,709.73, and it was decided to proceed with the construction of the sample room building. D. J. Dyson, Winnipeg, was elected president. The following were elected for British Columbia: Vice-president for Vancouver, E. F. Gerster; vice-president for Victoria, W. W. Duncan; directors for Vancouver, C. F. Egan, F. A. Richardson; director for Victoria, J. C. Dewar; director for New Westminster, Fred Lynch; director for Kootenay, George Nunn.

A SPLENDID RECITAL HALL.

Fletcher Bros. Have Erected Fine Show, and Music Room.

In no department of city trade has greater enterprise been manifested of late years than among the music firms of Victoria. They have more than kept pace with the demands of the times, both in the quality of the goods handled and in the artistic arrangements of the show rooms in which these goods are displayed.

A striking example of this spirit of progress has just been afforded by the well known firm of Fletcher Bros., of Government street. They have long been seriously hampered in their work by inadequate facilities, and this fall determined to have more roomy quarters, even if they had to pay for the same out of their own pockets. It is less than a month since this decision was reached, and to-day they threw open to the public a splendid recital hall at the rear of their former show room, which will accommodate over one hundred people. This hall is sixty feet in length and twenty feet wide. Its outstanding feature, however, is the acoustic properties of the chamber, which are perfect for the purposes for which it was designed. This has been accomplished by using high ceilings of about eighteen feet, and employing a dome finish. The light comes from fire-proof skylights and floods the whole room with a soft illumination. The firm are able to display as never before their splendid line of Gerhard-Helntzman, Mendelssohn, Karm and Morris pianos, their Apollo piano play-

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IN ISABEL J. ANKOW, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Isabel J. Ankow, deceased, should present them to the undersigned at his office, 1111 B. C. A. 1000, on or before the 10th day of January, 1906.

NOTICE

RE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, AND AMENDMENT ACT, 1905.

The attention of persons wishing to qualify to vote as "Homeowners" is hereby called to the fact that the declaration required by the Municipal Elections Act, 1905, and the Amendment Act, 1905, must be made at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, within the office hours of the City Assessor, on or before the 10th day of January, 1906.

As the 31st day of December, 1905, is a Sunday, the declaration may be made on the 1st day of January, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

By order of the Municipal Council, WELLINGTON J. DOWLE, City Clerk.

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